

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2730
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18th August 2025)**

**TRAINING CAPACITY OF INDIRA GANDHI RASHTRIYA URAN
AKADEMI**

2730. SHRI MILIND MURLI DEORA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) the present number of trainer aircraft available at the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA), Rae Bareli;
- (b) whether there has been any reduction in the number of training aircraft since 2017, and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to upgrade IGRUA's fleet and training capacity in view of the growing demand for commercial pilots; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

- (a) The present number of trainer aircraft available at the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA), Rae Bareli is 13.
- (b) Yes, there has been a reduction in the number of aircraft from 24 in the year 2017 to 13 at present. This reduction is attributable to the completion of the prescribed service life of seven aircraft and the loss of four aircraft due to accidents.
- (c) & (d) In view of the growing demand for commercial pilots, following steps have been taken:
 - (i) To cater the requirement of pilots in the country, IGRUA has started all seven days flying in a week. In addition to its main base IGRUA has also started additional base for round the year detachment flying at Birsi Airport, Gondia (Maharashtra) and plan to fly at other places.
 - (ii) A budgetary allocation of Rs. 25 crores has been made to IGRUA for FY 2024-25 toward the acquisition of new trainer aircraft.
